



**CAPT David B. Porter, USN**

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(PMW 146)  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Captain Dave Porter graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1980. After designation as a Naval Flight Officer in December 1981 and initial maritime patrol aviation training in Patrol Squadron THIRTY (VP-30), he reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY-FIVE (VP-45). He completed two Mediterranean / North Atlantic deployments as a P-3C Combat Aircrew Tactical Coordinator/Mission Commander (PPTC/MC) and ASW Instructor Tactical Coordinator.

Captain Porter attended the United States Naval Test Pilot School (Class 90) and graduated with distinction in December 1986. He was assigned as a P-3C flight test officer for the Force Warfare Aircraft Test Directorate VP department. He was honored as the 1988 Naval Air Test Center's Test NFO of the Year for his work on P-3C acoustic and weapon system programs. In August 1989, Captain Porter reported to Special Projects Unit ONE (VPU-1) and served as the Tactics Officer and Operations Officer. He deployed on numerous detachments to the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, Caribbean and Central America.

In 1991 he was selected as an Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer and reported to the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., where he earned a Master of Science degree (with distinction) in Aeronautical Engineering in September 1993.

Captain Porter reported to the Program Executive Office (PEO) for Space Communications and Sensors in October 1993. Assigned to the Ultra High Frequency Follow-On Program Office (PMW-146), he worked as the Assistant Program Manager (APM) for Operations and then APM for Production, Launch and Test for the procurement of the Navy's newest constellation of UHF/SHF/EHF communication satellites.

From August 1996 to August 1998, Captain Porter was assigned to the Naval Air Systems Command as Chief Systems Engineer (Class Desk) for the P-3. There he worked on numerous P-3 programs and issues ranging from sensor system upgrades to flight safety and certification. In August 1998 Captain Porter was assigned to PMA-290 as the Deputy Program Manager for the ACAT II P-3C Anti-Surface Warfare Improvement Program. His efforts to rapidly upgrade and deliver new electro-optic, synthetic aperture radar, C4I avionics, weapons and survivability

systems to the P-3 culminated in the successful delivery of 14 Stand-Off Land Attack Missiles in support of Kosovo operations, the first ever by P-3s.

Captain Porter reported to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) as the Deputy Program Manager for PMW-146's ACAT I Mobile User Objective System and UHF Follow-On programs in October 2000. He assumed command of PMW-146, aligned under the Navy's Program Executive Office for Space Systems, in October 2004.

Captain Porters' awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal and various unit and sea service awards.